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Subject: Re: Patrick Bayou - Draft Sediment and Surface Water Sampling Plan

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## Bob.

I have reviewed the Patrick Bayou-Draft Sediment and Surface Water Sampling Plan. My only comment or question is related to the sampling location selection rationale. It appears that the bayou was sectioned (randomly?) and then one sample was chosen to be collected from the spatial centerpoint of each section. When comparing those locations with historical locations, some are pretty close. I'm not really thinking it will make a terrible difference, but some may comment or have concerns with this approach. An possible alternative would be to take a random sample location from within each section. But other than this issue, I see no reason to not move forward with the fieldwork.

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